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Ms. Jean Schmidt  
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Re: Registration No. 5648 (Moroccan-American Center for Policy)

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

I am writing to confirm that the documentation listed below and pertaining to the Registrant is what is required by the Department of Justice for the filing and labeling of informational materials.

1. Press Release to Wire Services: "President Obama's Letter to King Mohammed VI Commends 'Commitment' to Peace, Tolerance, & Justice, As Moroccans Commemorate Decade of Progress & Leadership" (7/28/2009)

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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- Promoting democracy, decentralization, and making the electoral system more transparent, all of which were evident in the successful June local elections that brought more than 7 million Moroccans to the polls; and,
- Strengthening and modernizing Morocco's economy, and becoming one of the few countries to have a free trade agreement with the United States.

"Under King Mohammed VI's enlightened leadership, the two centuries-old relationship between the US and Morocco is at an unprecedented level," said Gabriel. "US support for Morocco's model of reforms and its efforts to reach a peaceful compromise in the W. Sahara are long-standing and unchanged. I'm confident the successes of the last decade are an indicator of tremendous progress we'll see for Morocco and the region in years to come."

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